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PARIS FOR ZEYA
BEIJING -- PASS CHENGDU
TOKYO -- ALSO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LORD

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2. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT

ON 10/17/96.

3. LISTSERVS NOW AVAILABLE ON DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS NETWORK

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS NETWORK'S (DOSFAN) WEB SITE AT [HTTP://WWW.STATE.GOV](http://WWW.STATE.GOV) FEATURES CURRENT NEWS AND INFORMATION, AND THE GOPHER SITE ARCHIVES ONLINE MATERIAL AVAILABLE SINCE 1993. DOSFAN HAS JUST ADDED A WAY IN WHICH YOU CAN AUTOMATICALLY HAVE INFORMATION SENT TO YOU VIA INTERNET EMAIL (LISTSERVS).

BY SUBSCRIBING TO DOSFAN'S NEW LISTSERVS, YOU CAN AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE VIA EMAIL FULL TEXTS OF THE PRESS BRIEFING AS WELL AS PUBLICATIONS THAT PROVIDE KEY OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. YOU ALSO CAN RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS OF FOREIGN TRAVEL PER DIEM UPDATES. THE FIVE LISTSERVs ARE:

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DOSBRIEF LIST. THE STATE DEPARTMENT REGULARLY CONDUCTS PRESS BRIEFINGS, USUALLY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. THE OFFICE OF THE PRESS SPOKESMAN, BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, RELEASES THE TEXTS OF PRESS BRIEFINGS THE SAME DAY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED IN DOSFAN'S DAILY PRESS BRIEFING CALENDAR (AT [HTTP://WWW.STATE.GOV/WWW/BRIEFINGS/INDEX.HTML](http://WWW.STATE.GOV/WWW/BRIEFINGS/INDEX.HTML)); FULL TEXTS OF THESE BRIEFINGS ARE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH DOSBRIEF. YOU CAN EXPECT THE DOSBRIEF LIST TO GENERATE ABOUT 4-5 EMAIL MESSAGES PER WEEK.

DOSSEC LIST. THE SECRETARY OF STATE REGULARLY ADDRESSES VARIOUS GROUPS AND TESTIFIES BEFORE CONGRESS. FULL TEXTS OF SECRETARIAL ADDRESSES AND REMARKS ARE DISSEMINATED BY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATION, BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, FOR POSTING TO THE DOSSEC LIST AS SOON AS THEY ARE RELEASED. YOU CAN EXPECT THE DOSSEC LIST TO GENERATE ABOUT 3-4 EMAIL MESSAGES PER MONTH.

DOSDISP LIST. THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE DISPATCH IS THE WEEKLY MAGAZINE OF OFFICIAL U.S. POLICY AND IS PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. IT INCLUDES KEY SPEECHES BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS AS WELL AS REGULAR LISTINGS OF U.S. TREATY ACTIONS. YOU CAN EXPECT THE

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DOSDISP LIST TO GENERATE ABOUT 4-5 MESSAGES PER MONTH.
VIA DOSDISP YOU WILL RECEIVE THE FULL-TEXT VERSION OF THE
MOST RECENT ISSUE OF DISPATCH MAGAZINE.

DOSBACK LIST. BACKGROUND NOTES ARE UPDATED PERIODICALLY AND INCLUDE INFORMATION ON U.S. BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND ON THEIR GOVERNMENTS, POLITICAL CONDITIONS, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS. YOU CAN EXPECT THE DOSBACK LIST TO GENERATE ABOUT 3-4 EMAIL MESSAGES PER MONTH. VIA DOSBACK YOU WILL RECEIVE THE FULL-TEXT VERSION OF NEWLY RELEASED BACKGROUND NOTES.

DOSPERDIEM LIST. THIS LIST PROVIDES NOTIFICATION OF UPDATES TO THE MAXIMUM TRAVEL PER DIEM ALLOWANCE FOR FOREIGN AREAS. SECTION 925, A SUPPLEMENT TO THE STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS (GOVERNMENT CIVILIANS, FOREIGN AREAS). FOREIGN TRAVEL PER DIEM RATES ARE RELEASED MONTHLY BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF ALLOWANCES. VIA DOSPERDIEM YOU WILL RECEIVE MONTHLY NOTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF TRAVEL PER DIEM RATE UPDATES AT THE DOSFAN SITE.

TO SUBSCRIBE TO ANY OF THE LISTSERVs FOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION, SEND AN EMAIL TO LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UIC.EDU AND TYPE IN THE MESSAGE BODY "SUBSCRIBE LISTNAME YOURNAME". (OMIT THE QUOTATION MARKS, AND BE SURE TO REPLACE THE YOURNAME PORTION ABOVE WITH YOUR OWN NAME -- OR, IF PREFERRED, ANONYMOUS -- AND THE LISTNAME WITH THE NAME OF THE LIST ABOVE THAT YOU WISH TO SUBSCRIBE TO.)

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FOLLOWING GUIDANCE, PREPARED ON 10/17/96, WERE USED AT THAT DAY'S BRIEFING BY SPOKESMAN NICHOLAS BURNS. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THE REMAINDER ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

5. NORTH KOREA -- MISSILE TEST

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION ABOUT REPORTS THAT NORTH KOREA IS PLANNING A MISSILE TEST?

A: AS I SAID YESTERDAY, WE DON'T COMMENT ON INTELLIGENCE MATTERS.

I CAN SAY THAT IF THESE REPORTS PROVE TO BE ACCURATE, WE WOULD BE VERY CONCERNED. I URGE NORTH KOREA TO REFRAIN FROM ACTIONS SUCH AS THIS, WHICH CAN ONLY INCREASE TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

OUR STANDING CONCERN ABOUT NORTH KOREA'S MISSILE PROGRAM IS WELL KNOWN. NORTH KOREA'S MISSILE PROGRAM IS A THREAT TO SURROUNDING COUNTRIES AND ITS EXPORTS CONTRIBUTE TO INSTABILITY IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AS WELL.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE NORTH KOREA COOPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO CONTROL MISSILE PROLIFERATION.

IF ASKED:

Q: HOW IS THIS RELATED TO U.S.-NORTH KOREAN MISSILE TALKS?

A: U.S. TALKS WITH NORTH KOREA ABOUT ITS MISSILE PROGRAM
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ARE DESIGNED TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT NORTH KOREAN DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT OF MISSILES AND MISSILE TECHNOLOGY. AT THE END OF THE FIRST ROUND OF U.S.-NORTH KOREAN MISSILE TALKS ON APRIL 21-22, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO MEET AGAIN AT A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON DATE. NO DATE FOR THE NEXT ROUND HAS BEEN SET.

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7. INDONESIA -- HUMAN RIGHTS

Q: WHAT HAS THIS ADMINISTRATION DONE TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA?

A: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH INDONESIA, THE COUNTRY WITH THE FOURTH LARGEST POPULATION IN THE WORLD, IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE.

HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP CANNOT REACH ITS FULL POTENTIAL UNTIL INDONESIA IMPROVES ITS HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE.

OUR VIEW OF THE INDONESIAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IS SET FORTH IN THE ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT TO CONGRESS.

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THIS YEAR'S EDITION NOTES THAT "THE INDONESIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM, DESPITE A SURFACE ADHERENCE TO DEMOCRATIC FORMS, REMAINS STRONGLY AUTHORITARIAN." ALTHOUGH THE REPORT GIVES CREDIT FOR IMPROVEMENTS, WHEN THESE HAVE TAKEN PLACE, IT DOES NOT HESITATE TO UNDERScore AREAS WHERE PROBLEMS STILL REMAIN.

WE HAVE PURSUED OUR HUMAN RIGHTS OBJECTIVES IN INDONESIA THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEANS, INCLUDING AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS RAISED HUMAN RIGHTS WITH PRESIDENT SOEHARTO IN EACH OF THEIR BILATERAL MEETINGS.

SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HAS DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ALATAS, AS HAS AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT AND UNDER SECRETARY TARNOFF.

MOREOVER, WHEN THE SECRETARY TRAVELED TO JAKARTA HE MADE A POINT OF MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO UNDERLINE OUR SUPPORT FOR ITS IMPORTANT WORK. DURING HIS MOST RECENT VISIT TO JAKARTA, IN JULY OF THIS YEAR, THE SECRETARY ALSO ASKED UNDER SECRETARY

SPERO TO MEET WITH MRS. MEGAWATI SOEKARNOPUTRI, THE DEPOSED LEADER OF THE INDONESIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK TRAVELED TO INDONESIA IN APRIL 1995 TO PRESS OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS.

IN THE WAKE OF THE JULY 27 RIOTS FOLLOWING THE VIOLENT TAKEOVER OF THE INDONESIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADQUARTERS.
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY LORD TRAVELED TO JAKARTA ON SEPTEMBER 13 FOR TALKS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS, NGOS, AND THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. IN THESE MEETINGS, HE REITERATED PREVIOUS DEPARTMENT EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN, CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, ASSEMBLY, AND DUE PROCESS FOR THOSE ARRESTED AFTER THE RIOTS.

WITH REGARD TO EAST TIMOR, THE ADMINISTRATION BROKE WITH ITS PREDECESSORS BY COSPONSORING A RESOLUTION ON THIS ISSUE AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1993. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED DIRECT DISCUSSIONS, FACILITATED BY THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, BETWEEN INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL, AND WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE CONTINUATION OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL-SPONSORED ALL-INCLUSIVE INTRA-TIMORESE DIALOGUE. IN PARTICULAR, WE BELIEVE CONTINUING DIALOGUE AMONG EAST TIMORESE OF DIFFERING VIEWPOINTS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF ACHIEVING A RESOLUTION.

IN ADDITION, OUR AMBASSADOR AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS, INCLUDING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK, HAVE TRAVELED TO EAST TIMOR TO ENCOURAGE PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION. IN THIS SAME REGARD, WE HAVE ENCOURAGED THE GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE VISITS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFFS TO THE PROVINCE.

FINALLY, I WOULD NOTE THAT U.S. AID PROGRAMS PROVIDE VALUABLE SUPPORT FOR INDONESIAN NGOS THAT ARE PURSUING HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRESS IN INDONESIA. NO OTHER COUNTRY PROVIDES SUPPORT OF THIS KIND ON A SIMILAR SCALE.

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8. JAPAN -- A/S LORD'S TRIP:

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT AMBASSADOR LORD'S TRIP TO JAPAN?

A: AMBASSADOR LORD ARRIVED IN TOKYO FROM BEIJING ON OCTOBER 17. HE WILL BE IN TOKYO UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 18, WHEN HE WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON. WHILE IN TOKYO AMBASSADOR LORD WILL MEET WITH A NUMBER OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN JAPAN'S FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR ROUTINE CONSULTATIONS ON A FULL RANGE OF BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. HE WILL ALSO BRIEF THEM ON HIS MEETINGS IN KOREA AND CHINA.

9. CHINA -- A/S LORD'S MEETINGS IN BEIJING

Q: CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT AMBASSADOR LORD'S DISCUSSIONS IN BEIJING?

A: AMBASSADOR LORD MET WITH SEVERAL SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING STATE COUNCIL FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE DIRECTOR LIU HUAQIU ("LEYOE WHAH-CHOE").

DURING THEIR TWO-HOUR MEETING ON OCTOBER 16, LORD AND LIU DISCUSSED THE SECRETARY'S NOVEMBER VISIT TO CHINA AND REVIEWED THE BUSY BILATERAL SCHEDULE OF VISITS.

AMBASSADOR LORD BRIEFED ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA AND ADDRESSED AREAS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION AS WELL AS ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING

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HUMAN RIGHTS, NONPROLIFERATION, AND TRADE.

(FOR BRIEFER'S INFORMATION: IN JULY, THE SECRETARY AND VICE PREMIER QIAN AGREED TO A SCHEDULE OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS, INCLUDING THE SECRETARY'S TO BEIJING, BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE YEAR: SINCE JULY, COMMERCE SECRETARY KANTOR HOSTED MOFTEC MINISTER WU YI IN THE CONTEXT OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON COMMERCE AND TRADE (JCCT) AND ACDA

DIRECTOR HOLUM VISITED BEIJING FOR ARMS CONTROL
DISCUSSIONS. COMING UP, WHITE HOUSE SCIENCE ADVISOR JACK
GIBBONS IS HOSTING A SESSION OF THE JOINT SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION AND PRC STATE COUNCILOR SONG JIAN
WILL COME TO WASHINGTON; U/S DAVIS WILL GO TO BEIJING FOR
NONPROLIFERATION TALKS; TREASURY SECRETARY RUBIN WILL
HOST A SESSION OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND THE
PRC FINANCE MINISTER WILL COME TO WASHINGTON.)

10. CHINA -- WANG XIZHE RETURN?

Q: HAS CHINA ASKED US TO RETURN WANG XIZHE ("WAHNG
SHEE-JUH")?

A: NO.

Q: DID THE US HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH WANG XIZHE'S
TRAVEL?

A: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DID NOT ARRANGE MR. WANG'S TRAVEL
OR HIS DEPARTURE FROM CHINA.

11. CHINESE BAN ON POULTRY IMPORTS
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Q: WHY HAVE THE CHINESE BANNED POULTRY IMPORTS FROM 10
STATES AND WHAT IS THE U.S. RESPONSE?

A: CHINA HAS SAID IT IS CONCERNED THAT POULTRY FROM THE
10 STATES MAY HAVE A DISEASE CALLED AVIAN INFLUENZA. WE
BELIEVE THAT U.S. POULTRY IS SAFE AND THAT THERE MAY BE
SOME CONFUSION REGARDING THE TYPE OF INFLUENZA THE
CHINESE HAVE DISCOVERED.

USDA HAS REQUESTED THAT U.S. POULTRY EXPORTS ALREADY ON
THEIR WAY TO CHINA BE ALLOWED INTO CHINA. IT HAS ALSO
ASKED THE CHINESE FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER. FOR
FURTHER TECHNICAL DETAILS, I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Q: IS THERE A POLITICAL MOTIVATION BEHIND THE CHINESE
ACTION?

A: WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY POLITICAL MOTIVATION.